THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The following measures have been taken under the accident prevention programme :—

(i) Safety audit of airlines.
(ii) Monitoring of flight recorders.
(iii) Frequent proficiency and standardisation check of airlines crew and periodic spot check on operation and maintenance activities of the operators by the DGCA.
(iv) Strict adherence to weather minima and Instrument Let Down Procedures.
(v) Dissemination of safety information.
(vi) Monitoring of critical operations area.
(vii) Implementation of measures to prevent bird-strike incidents; and
(viii) Strict action against the operators/airline crew for violation of safety norms.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The number of accidents to Indian Civil Registered Aircraft has shown a declining trend during the period from 1991 to 1994.

(e) and (f) Laboratory facilities have been set up at DGCA offices at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Hyderabad for investigation of aircraft accidents. The facilities include flight recorder decoding, optical and electronic microscope, material testing of fuel and oil etc.

National Action Plan for tourism

2562. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to accelerate the development of tourism in the country, some new programmes under the National Action Plan for Tourism have been launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of States and Territories covered under these programmes;

(c) Whether there is large potential in tourism industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some additional measrres to boost the industry to improve the economic conditions further; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) With a view to providing major boost for development of tourism in the country, National Action Plan for Tourism provides that only identified circuits/destinations will be taken for intensive development. In the first instance 11 circuits and 6 destinations have been identified for concentrated development. These circuits/destinations are listed at Statement. (*See* below). No doubt India is a great tourism destination and has vast potential.

(e) and (f) In addition to the above circuits/destinations the following special tourist areas have been identified in consultation with the concerned State Government for intensive development : –

1. Bekal Beach
2. Muttukadu-Mahabalipuram
3. Sindhudurg
4. Puri-Konark
5. Diu

Further many fiscal and monetary incentives have been provided to encourage the industry and support investments in tourism industry so that economic advantages of development can flow to the residents of those areas/states.

Statement

Circuits-cum-Destinations Identified for Intensive Development under National Action Plan

TRAVEL CIRCUITS

1. Kulu-Manali-Leh
2. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orcha-Khajuraho
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong
4. Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark

5. Hyderabad-Nagarjunasagar-Tirupati
6. Madras-Mahabalipuram-Pondicherry
7. Rishikesh-Narender Nagar-Gangotri-Badrinath
8. Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Omkareshwar-Mandu
9. Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Barmer
10. Raigad Fort-Janjira Fort-Kuda Caves-Shrivardhan-Harihareshwar-Sindhudurg
11. Bangalore-Mysore-Hassan

DESTINATIONS

1. Lakshadweep Islands
2. Andaman Islands
3. Manali (Solang-Nalah)
4. Bekal Beach
5. Muttukadu Beach
6. Kangra (Pong Dam)

बंबई हवाई अड्डा

2563. श्री वोविन्दराव आदिक :
श्री प्रमोद महाजन :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि किसी निजी कंपनी ने बंबई हवाई अड्डे के विस्तार और आधुनिकीकरण करने की पेशकश की है ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Special items counter at CSD(I), Sena Bhawan

2564. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Special items Counter of the CSD(I), Sena Bhawan, New Delhi is located in a very congested place and the employees have no freedom to inspect the item they wish to buy before getting a bill made and payment done consequent to which many a times the money so spent become wasteful expenditure;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to either bifurcate this counter into two i.e. for officers and others separately or to convert the counter into self-service counters to help employees select the items they wish to buy; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether items of repute like Hawkins Pressure Cookers, VIP Suitcases, HMT Watches, etc. are generally not available whereas Sainik Cookers, Safari suitcases, etc are always available; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the standard products not being avaliable and the steps taken to keep such items always on the shelves ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) It is true that owing to the large number of users, the special items counter at the Army Headquarters Canteen at Sena Bhawan is somewhat congested. Renovation work is being undertaken on the the completion of which more space and circulation area will be available.

(c) and (d) Some products, such as the items referred to, are so popular that, at times, the demand exceeds what the CSD is able to obtain from the suppliers for the users of canteens. Recently however it has been possible to considerably improve the availability of Hawkins Pressure Cookers and HMT Watches.

Payment of pension to Cantonment employees

2565. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations and letters from MPs regarding non-payment of pension to retired employees of different Cantonment authorities;